

# Three Mile Island Alert's Questions on the NRC's Annual Assessment of the Susquehanna Steam Electric Station

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1) PPL sought to publicly hide the extent of their decommissioning losses in an affidavit the Company submitted to the NRC on March 26, 2009. PL's one year decommissioning losses are staggering by any standard. "The fair value of investments that are legally restricted due the decommissioning of the Susquehanna Nuclear plant was \$446 million and \$555 million in at December 31, 2008 and 2007..." (PPL 2008 Annual Report, Nuclear Decommissioning, p. 191)

PPL lost \$109 million from the fund in one year and now has **\$446 million** out of projected **\$936 million** (2002 dollars) needed to decommission it operating nuclear units.

How will PPL recoup the losses after 12/31/2009?

2) What is the status of OI's investigation into: a) Two PPL managers **deliberately failing to follow procedures** for personnel monitoring in radiologically-controlled areas; and, b) Allegations in 2008 that **environmental issues were not being effectively addressed** by the SSES management? (NRC IR, March 20, 2009)

### 3) **Work Environment Potential Chilling Effect**

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission said it was concerned about a worsening climate at Berwick where some workers were afraid to raise safety issues because they feared retaliation. The highest number of allegations occurred in 2008. (ADAMS: ML 090 280 115)

<sup>1</sup> The NRC responded on April 14, 2009: "We have reviewed your application in accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 (a)(4) and 10 CFR 9.17 (a) (4), and have concluded that the financial information your application sought to be withheld from public disclosure is related to the the requirements of 10 CFR 50.75 9f)(1), "Reporting and record keeping for decommissioning planning."

This issue as to be added to the ROP for 2009.

**What is the status of this investigation?**

4) How long is PPL's Corrective Actions Program (CAP) backlog, and how does **PPL's delay rank against the rest of the industry?**

5) What are the **costs for the equipment and labor necessary** to close out the CAP?

6) Has PPL **deferred maintenance** and change out of SSES mechanical components?

7) What is **PPL's ranking on the "Equipment Reliability Index?"**